countries as well as in multilateral fora, has consistently highlighted the clandestine nature of Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme.

Formulation of investment promotion strategy in India

1046. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any investment promotion strategy to highlight the comparative advantages of investment in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of External Affairs has formulated and is implementing a comprehensive investment promotion strategy aimed at promoting foreign investment into India.

Within the broad framework of this strategy, several steps have been taken to disseminate information about India's new economic policies and highlight the comparative advantages of investment into India.

(1) Several promotional events have been organised both abroad as well as in India to project the country as an attractive investments destination to international corporate and business audiences. These promotional events have been addressed by Ministers and senior Government officials as well as representative of business and industry.

(2) In addition, bilateral visits of Government delegations to important countries are used to address targetted business audiences and inform them of our liberalised economic policies.

(3) Government is working with apex industry organisations in its efforts to attract foreign investment. Overseas visits of Indian business delegations are in particular, being used to project India. Our apex Chambers have, in collaboration with their overseas counterparts and with the active participation of Indian Embassies abroad, organised several promotional events on the opportunities for investment in India.

(4) Intensive interactions have been organised on investment issues with several visiting high level business delegations. Such delegations have been given assistance in meeting with relevant institutions and Ministries.

(5) Importance has been given to developing suitable publicity material aimed at projecting India as an attractive investment destination Publicity kits comprising brochures, a floppy diskette entitled "Doing Business with India" and video presentations have been regularly prepared and updated. Government has worked closely with apex Chambers and with business and industry in preparing these materials aimed at projecting the liberalised economic policies.

(6) India's Embassies abroad have accorded high priority to projecting India's economic and commercial interests and in particular, to attracting foreign investment into India. As part of this effort, Heads of Missions and other officers have developed a wide range of contacts with local business communities as well as NRI businessmen and are constantly trying to motivate them to invest in India.

(7) Government proposes to continue with these steps for disseminating information about our economic reform programme amongst foreign investors. In particular, it is intended to lay increasing emphasis on a sector-specific approach in investment promotion efforts. Government and our Embassis abroad are trying to and will continue to utilise every available opportunity to project India as an investment destination.

Indo-German talks on Kashmir Issue

1047. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Germany has rebuffed Indian Prime Minister's pleading for support on Kashmir;

(b) whether or not the German Chancellor cold-shouldered the Indian Prime Minister's pleadings for lending support to the idea of solving Kashmir issue through bilateral negotiations in terms of Simla Agreement;

(c) whether or not the German Chancellor cold-shouldered the Indian Prime Minister's proposal to freeze Kashmir issue in order to try to remove other irritants in Indo-Pak-relations; and

(d) On what basis can the Indo-German relations may be called friendly in this background ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

National consensus on Economic Reforms

1048. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister did speak of national consensus on 'economic reforms' in India at the International Economic Forum at Davos;

(b) whether in doing so he was unmindful of opposition from the various opposition parties regarding the sell out of the country's interests in the name of economic reforms and liberalisation ;

(c) whether it is not a fact that most of the trade unions and peasants' organisations opposed the economic reforms and liberalisation on the same ground; and

(d) whether under such circumstances national consensus on economic reforms could be claimed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (d) In his concluding remarks at the India session in the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum at Davos Prime Minister referred to a "general consensus" on economic reforms. This is in keeping with the fact that the new economic policies have been discussed in Parliament and various measures under it have been approved by Parliament. The emphasis has been on a reform programme with a human face. A copy of the speech that PM delivered at the valedictory session of the World Economic Forum is attached for information.

Election of Ambassadors

1049. SHRI TINDIVANAN G. VENKATARAMAN :
SHRI M. A. BABY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the norms followed in the election of Ambassadors of India in the arena;

(b) whether they are given any training before they join their appointment as ambassadors ;

(c) what is the total expenditure incurred on our Embassies throughout world during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93; and

(d) what is the type of information that is entrusted to our Ambassadors abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) :

(a) Ambassadors are not elected. The norms followed for the selection of Ambassadors are the possession of requisite experience, skill, and acumen to promote relations between India and the country of accreditation.

(b) They are provided intensive briefings in Ministry of External Affairs and concerned Government agencies prior to taking up their charge. Foreign Service officers, are groomed for this responsibility through their careers in the foreign service.

(c) 1990-91	Rs. 149.09 Cr.
1991-92	Rs. 202.98 Cr.
1992-93	Rs. 297.35 Cr.

(d) All the information relevant to his functioning as Ambassador is entrusted to our Ambassadors abroad.

US State Deptt's Humam Rights Report on India

1050. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the human rights report released by